Female infanticide

701. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that-the female infanticide is still taking place in different States;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to contain the magnitude of female infanticide in the country; and

(c) whether any in-depth study has been undertaken about the female infanticide in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Newspaper reports mention about cases of female infanticide in different States.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development has written to concerned State Governments seeking reports and to all State Governments to address the issue of female infanticide urgently. This Ministry has proposed various schemes to be incorporated in the Eleventh Five Year Plan to enhance the status of Girl Child so that such a heinous practice does not take place in future.

Strict measures for Child Welfare Schemes

702. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted strict measures and issued communication to the Chief Ministers of States to pull up their socks or face hindrance in clearance of funds for child welfare schemes;

(b) whether Government have asked for the strict implementation of the legal provisions and schemes for ensuring juvenile justice;

(c) if so, whether Government are also proposing to launch a Centrally sponsored scheme for integrated child protection during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, how many States have so far followed the directions issued by the Minister?